GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1855
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CLOSURE OF DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY
T. GOVINDAN

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government have closed down or proposed to close down the Department of Supply and its subsidiaries; (

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons of taking such decision; (

(c) whether the Government have received a number of representations from the trade / industry / associations; (

(d) if so, the details thereof; and (

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. In order to reformulate certain functions and to rightsize the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, a decision has been taken to close down the Department of Supply and its subordinate office of the Chief Controller of Accounts.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Representations have been received from various trade / industry / Associations against the closure of the Office of Chief Controller of Accounts Viz. Federation of Engineering Industries of India, Chamber of Indian Trade and Industry, Northern India Hosiery and Textile Manufacturers` Association, Punjab Fitting Manufacturing Association, All India PVC Pipe Manufacturers Association, Association of Industries - Madhya Pradesh.

(e) : The Government feels that the review of the decision is not warranted.